

Sexual Health Snapshot

HOWARD COUNTY TEENS

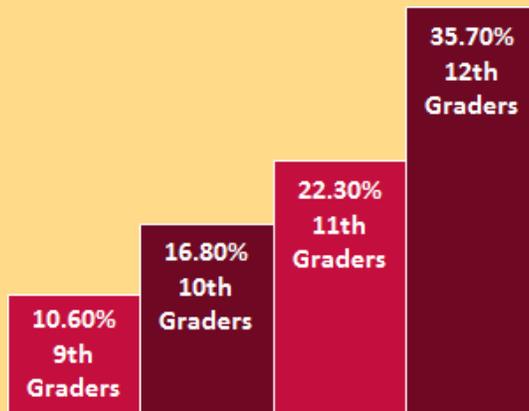


50% of all new sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in the U.S. each year are in teens and young adults¹

341 cases of chlamydia
51 cases of gonorrhea
in Howard County teens²

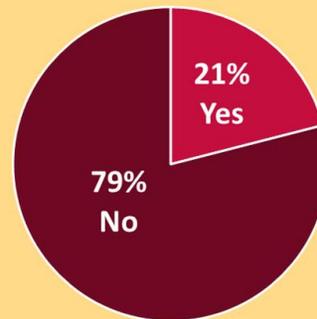
Most STIs have no symptoms and without treatment can cause serious health problems

Howard County high school students who reported ever having sex³



64% of Howard County high school students reported using a condom the last time they had sex³

Having an STI increases the risk of getting HIV



Howard County high school students who reported drinking alcohol or using drugs the last time they had sex³

Alcohol and drug use may impair decision-making about having sex, condom use and consent

61 births to Howard County teens⁴

Talk to your doctor or county health department about STI testing and treatment

Teens: ages 15-19; Young Adults: ages 20-24

Data sources:

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2018
2. Maryland Department of Health, Center for STI Prevention, 2018
3. Maryland Department of Health, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2018
4. Maryland Department of Health, Vital Statistics Administration, 2018

To learn more, visit: <http://bit.ly/STIPrevention>

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